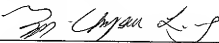


on which claims 29-31, 34, 35, and 37 in Group X read, for continued prosecution without traverse. Claim 29 is generic. If the compound claims of Group X are allowed, the non-elected Group III, on which the corresponding method claims 1-9, 36, and 50 read, should be allowed to rejoin. The other non-elected claims are withdrawn and will be canceled in due course.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17243/006001).

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